

Our Lady Star of the Sea
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 12, 2017
Announced Masses

Saturday, February 11

4:00PM Richard Rauch
5:30PM Mary Cordaro

Sunday, February 12

8:00AM David Nelligan & Ben Modica
9:15AM Rosa, Salvatore, & Michael Pallante
10:30AM John & Marie Garofalo & Janice Catricola
12 Noon Madalyn T. Castelucci
1:15PM Anthony DiBartolomeo
7:00PM Michael Conigliaro

Monday, February 13

9:00AM Mildred Paturzo

Tuesday, February 14

9:00 AM George Bellina & Robert & Gregory Manetto

Wednesday, February 15

9:00AM Carmen Santore

Thursday, February 16

9:00AM Gary Carter

Friday, February 17

9:00AM Theresa Palmieri

Saturday, February 18

9:00AM Tom Maira
4:00PM Peter Levantino
5:30PM Angelo Ugenti

Sunday, February 19

8:00AM Anthony Rupolo
9:15AM Richard Klein
10:30AM Domenick DeLuca
12 Noon Marco Fusillo & Eugene Sparano
1:15PM John Cali
7:00PM Marie Spinosa

St. Catherine de Ricci, Virgin – February 13

Catherine was born in Florence in 1522, her baptismal name was Alexandrina, but she took the name Catherine upon entering religious life. From a very young age, she had a great love of prayer, and at six years old, she was placed in a convent where her aunt Louise de Ricci was a nun. After a while, she entered a Dominican convent in Tuscany. She was fourteen. She was chosen mistress of novices, then sub prioress, and at age 25 became perpetual prioress. She had a great reputation for sanctity, which attracted many people – three of whom later became popes – Marcellus II, Clement VIII, and Leo XI. While still living, she appeared to St. Philip Neri in Rome in a miraculous manner. For 12 years, every Thursday at noon until Friday at 4 pm, she experienced the “Ecstasy of the Lord’s Passion.” After a long illness she passed away in 1589. –JM

Banns of Marriage

First Time: Robert Brennan & Antonella Vitulli

Second Time: Andrew Terrana & Theresa DiBartolomeo

Third Time: Thomas Caputo & Danielle Testaverde

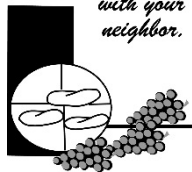
Third Time: Mark Mileto & Gina Corio

Wedding Music Workshop

The next **Wedding Music Workshop** will be on **Sunday, February 26** immediately following the 7 pm Mass. OLSS Brides & Grooms may select their wedding music at this time.



*Before you
bring your gifts
be reconciled
with your
neighbor.*



The Sanctuary Lamp for the
Week of February 12 – February 18
Given in Memory of
Marie Cancelleri

Donated by Chris & Donna Ferreri

Mass Minister Schedule

Lectors – Saturday, February 18

4:00PM F Monte
5:30PM F Barone

Eucharistic Ministers, February 18

4:00PM L Barbato, C Harris, J Coscia, A Petrocelli
5:30PM C Losi, V Acri, J Cimino, A Pompei, J Uhlman

Lectors – Sunday, February 19

8:00AM J Perdichizzi
9:15AM L Bauer
10:30AM M Pinto
12 Noon T Solimeo
1:15 PM MA Higgins
7:00 PM K Melka

Eucharistic Ministers, February 19

8:00AM R&L Bauer, M Ennis, C Rosato, J Stanzone
9:15AM J Gatto, Sr. Rosemary, S Hitchcock, J Prato,
& D Avena
10:30AM B Barone, C&J Gerace, N Fallacaro, & C Ordy
12 Noon C Belvedere, S Catalano, C Messina, B Nicholson,
& G Decker
1:15PM C Houle, A McCoy, M Sprague, B Higgins,
& B Peters
7:00PM S Caiazza, B Weir, G LaGrua, C Barone, K Melka

Altar Servers, Saturday, February 18

4:00PM F Surace, V Pavlick, D Heidel
5:30PM C&C Nieves

Altar Servers, Sunday, February 19

8:00AM N Shirazi
9:15AM M Esposito
10:30AM P Marone
12 Noon J Oliveri, C Carr
1:15PM N Salerno
7:00PM S&N Mejias



Sincere Condolences

The Parish Family of Our Lady Star of the Sea offer our sincere condolences to the families of:

**Angelina Inghingolo, Joseph Castelli, Fiore Spagnuolo,
Dolores Ewald**

Attention Monsignor Farrell HS Alumni!

All Monsignor Farrell High School alumni are invited to attend Mass on **Wednesday mornings** in the Farrell chapel during regular school days. Mass begins at **7:45 am** and is followed by a continental breakfast in the Faculty Dining Room. There is no charge to attend, and all alumni are welcome. It is a wonderful opportunity to re-connect with many of your Farrell friends and classmates, as well as with the present students. For more information, call Kevin Fair at 347-721-1544.

Healing Service

There will be a Healing Service on **Tues, February 21 at 3:30 p.m.** Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical healing is welcome. *(The next Healing Mass will be March 7 @ 7:30 pm.)*

Pastor's Letter

Dear Parish Family,

As I write this letter I am amazed at the warm almost June-like weather of this day. The forecast for "White Out" conditions for snow Thursday morning seems impossible. What a flip-flop winter we are having so far. Yet, we New Yorkers are resilient. If you can live here, you can live anywhere in the world.

Speaking of anywhere, I want to thank all of you who have prayed for my quick 5-day mission experience in Kingston, Jamaica, February 1-6th. We were a party of 9 Staten Islanders, 3 from Scottsdale, Arizona and two from Norwich, England. We were hosted by the Missionaries of the Poor Brothers in Christ at the Redeemer Monastery in downtown Kingston. There was a women's dorm and a men's dorm on the third floor. The weather was a sultry 89 degrees with lots of humidity and the tropical breezes were aided by a few fans that keep the room cool at night. We had pretty much the same diet, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for breakfast, freeze dried Maxwell House Coffee and mangos. Lunch and dinner was almost the same, white rice, a mixture of vegetables and small bits of chicken or fish, with tiny apples for dessert. There was plenty of cool water. In fact, there was no hot water at all, shaving and showering in cold water was a major challenge for me.

The Missionaries of the Poor conduct about 6 shelters for abandoned and homeless people in the Kingston area. The Lord's Place is a shelter for handicapped and aged women and part of the facility is for persons with HIV-AIDS. Jacob's Well is a shelter for women, young and old who mostly are mentally challenged. The Faith Center is for the men, mostly older. The Bethlehem Center is for children. Sadly, this time we couldn't visit them since there was an outbreak of chicken pox. Holy Innocents is run by twenty Sister Missionaries of the Poor. They care for women with newborns and elderly women. The mothers usually stay about a year after giving birth and they are trained, fed and cared for and prepared to transition to the community. The Knights of Columbus trained many of the sisters to use a 3D ultrasound and so many women see the baby in their womb and, having been offered help to bring this child to birth, choose not to have an abortion.

The routine is similar every day. The Brothers rise for 5:45 AM Morning Prayer, followed by Mass and a holy hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This is the powerhouse of faith needed to do the work that will follow after breakfast. We are then transported into the various facilities and we are asked to do menial tasks like helping to shower and dress the residents, and help those who cannot feed themselves eat breakfast. Then there is sweeping, mopping and then elderly women line up for lotion to be placed on their arms and legs. The men line up for a shave and cutting of toe nails. At around 10:30 in each of the centers there is a gathering for Praise and Worship, the Reading of the Gospel of the day and the Brothers share what it means and ask questions and get the residents to be involved. It's amazing what they share. Sometimes afterward, we may be asked to wash the mattresses, or help set up for lunch and help bring water to the people and feed them the "rice delight dish of the day." It's in that one to one meeting that you really encounter the Lord smiling back at you.

The question was raised, "Brother, since it costs over \$550 to fly down and do this work, would it be easier if we just sent you \$5000?" "Absolutely not, they need to see you, feel your warmth and be inspired by your presence." I was amazed at how many remembered us coming from Staten Island. We get them to laugh and sing and they are the happiest with absolutely nothing. It really is the philanthropy of the poor.

Please God, next year, I would like to offer to triple that number and bring down about 30 people. Volunteers come nearly every week of the year. On Sunday, the people added to Father Basil's line. "God is good..... all the time and all the time, God is good, and they add. "... And that is His nature."

It was a quick trip and a delightful chance to live like a monk, work my tail off serving the poor and be inspired by their love. Please keep the Missionaries of the Poor in your prayers. One evening when we compile our photos and videos, we will have a Missionaries of the Poor Show and Tell.

May God bless you!

Fr. Tom Devery



OLSS SCHOOL NEWS

- Ride the wave to success! Come see OLSS in action at our next Touring Tuesday on February 14th from 9-11 am.
- Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for **Thursday, February 16th from 6:30 – 8 pm** and on **Friday, February 17th from 12:45-2:30 pm**. Dismissal is at 12:05 pm on the 17th.
- Just a reminder, there will NOT be bus service for OLSS students the week of February 21st.
- During Catholic Schools Week, we held a dress down day for John Hudson Dilgen, age 14. John, a fellow Staten Islander, suffers from a rare skin disease known as EB. Thanks to our OLSS families, we were able to raise over \$8,500 for John and his family!



OLSS SOCCER

Open Soccer Registration will be held in the Athletic Center on **Thursday, March 2** from **6-7 PM** for all players, including PeeWee, 3 yr. olds, & SIYSL players. Registration fees are \$200 for SIYSL players & \$150 for Pee Wee, 3 yr. olds & siblings. See the website www.olsssoccer.com for registration forms & more details. Registrations may also be dropped off at any time at the Rectory. **Please note:** If you registered in the fall, you do NOT need to re-register in the spring.



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Losing a child under any circumstance is terrible. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. The Emmaus Ministry is for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause. Please join us. All are welcome.

One-day retreats are being offered from 9:30 am – 7:30 pm.

St. Joseph's Seminary:

Saturday, February 25, 2017

Church of the Magdalene, Sleepy Hollow:

Saturday, April 1, 2017

Cost: \$25 per person, \$40 per couple
Scholarships are available.

To register online, www.emfgp.org/archny, or contact Sue DiSisto, Coordinator for Parenting & Family Life Education: susan.disisto@archny.org or (646) 794-3191.

Giving Tree Thanks from Seamen's Society

Thank you so much for remembering the children and families of Seamen's Society and fulfilling their wishes for holiday gifts. Because of your time, effort and hard work you made sure that no child was forgotten. Our parents are so grateful for your thoughtfulness. We wish to send our heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated to the toy drive. Without you we would not be able to provide the gifts our children deserve. Your generosity and support are truly at the heart of what we do. Your contribution makes all the difference in the world for children who are less fortunate.

The selflessness of everyone involved has given our children and their families the chance to enjoy themselves this past holiday. It is also a good feeling to know that there is someone out there who really cares about them.

All of us at Seamen's Society really appreciate what you do for us. Thank you again for your gifts and putting a smile on the face of a child. The compassion to think of others is a true testament to the values we live by and a true affirmation of your commitment to the children and families in our care.

Sincerely,

Christina Marino, Development

Opening of the 2018 Mass Book

The 2018 Mass book will open on **Tuesday, February 28th at 9:45 am**. Because of our large parish, at this time, you may request up to THREE Masses (including one holyday, e.g. Christmas, Easter, etc.) Please do not call the Rectory, since Masses will not be taken prior to the opening of the book, or over the phone. In preparation, we have provided the following tear off form for your Mass requests. Thank you for your cooperation.

2018 OLSS Mass Request Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Requested Mass Date/Time: _____ Mass Intention for: _____

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Sunday (& Saturday Vigil) Masses are \$20. Weekday Masses are \$15. **Please use a 2018 calendar when selecting dates.**

Pray for the Sick



Barbara Allen, Baby Noah, Norma Bolanos, Vincenza Caccano, Serafina Carlone, Patsy Cassano, Angela Chinchilla, Ethyl Cohen, David Colon, Nanette Colon, Marion Concadora, Morgan Coop, Rafaella Cosenstino, Vincenzo Dama, Liseth Dixon, Jeanette Dovile, Michael Durante, Dawn Dutton, Zenia Enciso, Cristina Fico, Barbara Foresti, Thomas Paul Gaither, Antoinette Gallo, Isabel Gondrey, Herbert Gruberger, Baby Joseph Hale, Matthew Hall, Scott Herman, Thomas Lamantia, Thomas Lanza, Lelle Lazanek, James Ledger, Cecelia Leo, Saydi Leon, Anne Merlino, Iok Kuan Lei Ng, Ralph Pagliuca, Joseph Pavio, Ann Marie Pederson, Sue Perinuzzi, Camille Polly, Rochelle & Joe Puglisi, Eva Ragona, John & Carmine Ragona, Ivan Rodriguez, Caesar Russo, Lucrecia Santos, Jamie Seaman, Alex Sepiol, Celeste Setty, Donna Slavin, Margaret Smith, Trevor Spataro, Sharon Thomas, Dora Valiente, Lisa & Dustin Vasquez **Please Note: Parish priests and Eucharistic ministers regularly visit those who are ill or homebound. Please call the Rectory to have a name added to the sick list or to arrange for home visits.**

Group Meetings

50 Plus Club –The next meeting will be **Friday, February 17 from 1-3 pm** in the Damato Meeting Room of the OLSS Athletic Center. For more information, call Terry at 718-317-1801.

Bereavement Group– The next session of *"It's a New Day – A Journey from Grief to Healing"* will begin on **Wed., February 15 at 7 pm** in the OLSS Rectory. If you have experienced a loss or are in mourning of a family member, we encourage you to join us.

Book Club - The next meeting of the OLSS book club will be **Thursday March 2, at 7:30 PM** in the Rectory. New members are always welcome. Our next selection is ***Fearless: A Catholic Woman's Guide to Spiritual Warfare*** by Sonja Corbitt. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

Holy Name Society – The next meeting for the Holy Name Society will be on **Wednesday, March 8 at 8 pm** in the Damato Mtg Room of the OLSS Athletic Center. For more info, call Robert Cermeli at 917-783-6494 or Peter Cappellino at 917-626-7757.

Prayer Group – Group meets on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7:30p.m. in the Rectory.

OLSS Baptism Preparation Policy



Please reference the front bulletin cover for details on the Baptism Preparation Policy. All parish families preparing for the Baptism of their child must attend the OLSS Baptismal Class. Please contact the Rectory Mon-Fri 9-4:30 to obtain a Baptism Registration Packet.

Baptismal Class & Ceremony Dates

February 12 & 26, March 12 & 26, April 23,
May 14 & 28, June 11 & 25

PLEASE NOTE: Baptism Classes take place at 12 Noon in the Damato Meeting Room of the Athletic Center. Baptism Ceremonies take place at 2:15 PM in the Church.

Sponsor Certificates

Certificates attesting to the fact that an OLSS parishioner is a practicing Catholic are often required when they are asked to sponsor someone at the time of Baptism or Confirmation. These certificates may be obtained only **AFTER** the Masses on Saturday evening or Sunday. The **PERSON REQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE MUST** see the priest **AFTER ATTENDING THE MASS** to request one.

RCIA - Come Experience God's Love

Would you like to explore the Catholic Church and the faith of Catholic Christianity? Are you interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church? Were you baptized Catholic as a child, but have not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? If so, then RCIA is for you. RCIA is a journey of exploration and initiation into the Catholic Church. RCIA is a fun, safe, faith-building discovery of Jesus Christ and the Church he loves. RCIA will change your life. It will bring you closer to Jesus. The Catholic Church welcomes you. For information please contact Joe Limeri – jlimeri@aol.com – 347-541-9757 or call the Rectory.

Cluster Corner

Cluster Parish Mass Times



Our Lady Help of Christians – 7396 Amboy Rd.

Sat. 4:30 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 10 AM (Family Mass), 12 PM,
4 PM (Spanish Mass) & 6:30 PM
Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM

St. John Neumann - 1380 Arthur Kill Rd.

Sat. 5 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM and 12:30 PM
Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM in Rectory Chapel

St. Thomas the Apostle - 6123 Amboy Rd.

Sat. 6 PM, Sun. 9 AM, 10 AM (Italian), 11 AM, 1 PM, & 6 PM
Weekday Masses Mon. thru Fri. 7 & 8 AM, Sat. 8 AM

Church of St. Joseph - 16 Poplar Ave.

Sat. 5 PM; Sun. 8 AM, 10 AM, & 12 PM
Weekday Masses Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM

Cluster Events

SJN Kidz Klub Chocolate Party - Come join the fun if you enjoy hot chocolate, chocolate treats, and chocolate games. The party is at St. John Neumann Church, 1380 Arthur Kill Road, **Tuesday, February 21, from 6-8pm** in the Rectory Basement. Cost is \$8 pre-registered, \$10 at the door. Please rsvp by 2/14 to email: sjnkidzklub@gmail.com.

St. Joseph-St. Thomas Chinese Auction – Thursday, March 2 at the Excelsior Grand. Doors Open at 6:45 p.m. \$65 per person includes dinner, dessert, wine & soda and starter raffle package (\$25 value). For information & reservations email chineseauctionsjst2017@gmail.com or call 201-206-3165. RSVP required by Feb. 25.

Cluster Parish Mission-Monday, April 3 - Wednesday, April 5 from 7:30 pm - 9 pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.

12 Step & Community Meetings

ACOA _____ Sundays 5:30PM
AA _____ Sundays 8:15PM
_____ Mondays 10AM
_____ Tuesdays 4PM
_____ Thursdays 4PM
_____ Fridays 4PM
_____ Saturdays 7:30PM & 9PM
PILLS ANONYMOUS _____ Tuesdays 6:30PM
_____ Fridays 6:30PM
GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS _____ Tuesdays 8:00PM
AL-ANON _____ Thursdays 5:30PM

Addiction Angels – There will be a Parent and sibling support group meeting for families battling addiction on **Thursday, February 16 at 7 pm** in the Damato Meeting Room. For more info, call Alicia Reddy at 646-404-0637.

12 Step Night of Reflection: Every first Thursday, there will be a dinner at 6PM, a meeting at 7:15PM and a Healing Mass at 8:30PM in O'Mara Hall/Chapel for members of 12 Step Programs. Cost: \$20. The next meeting is on **March 2**.

✓ Mark Your Calendar

Meditation Monday

at St. Joseph Retreat Center

February 13th from 7:30-9:00 PM

The evening consists of faith sharing, reflection and prayer ending with coffee and dessert. Fee: \$20 per session. (This is a monthly event taking place on the 2nd Monday of the month.) Facilitated by Grace Daquila. St. Joseph Retreat center is located at St. Joseph Hill Convent, 850 Hylan Blvd., SINY 10305. For more info, call 718-720-1097 or visit www.sjretreatcenter.org.

St. Clare Employment Group Meeting

Thursday, February 16 at 7:30 pm

St. Clare Church– Presentation Center Dining Rm

Lou Maresca, Sr. Finance Manager at Canon Business Services will be speaking on "Keeping Your Job Search on Track and Overcoming Obstacles." The St. Clare's Employment Group provides job search assistance and career advisement to the unemployed and their families, and anyone who is concerned about a layoff or career advancement. They also provide one on one employment advisement by appointment. To make an appointment or for general information, please call the Rectory at 718-984-7873 and a member of the group will return your call.

Pro-Life Elderly & Homebound Club

Annual Dinner

Saturday, February 18th at St. Christopher's Church
(136 Midland Ave, SINY)

4:30 p.m. Mass with dinner to follow. Admission \$20 per person, children free. RSVP by **2/15/17** to Pro-Life Elderly and Homebound Club, Inc. P.O. Box 060520, SINY 10306 or call 646-662-3914.

Saint Francis Catholic Singles

Saint Francis Catholic Singles (SFCS), for those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s, will meet at Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Road, SI, NY 10314 on **Thursday, February 23, at 7:15 pm** for "Confession 101: From the Early Church to the Present." Just in time for Lent, Fr. Angelo Micciulla will discuss how the sacrament of confession began and how it was done from the early Church until it was developed into what we have today. For more information, find us on Fb/StFrancisCatholicSingles, email sfcssi@gmail.com or check our website: www.sgspci.org.

St. Peter's Boys High School Chinese Auction

St. Peter's Boys High School Parents' Club will sponsor its annual Chinese Auction on **Friday, March 3** in the school gym, 200 Clinton Ave. Doors open at 6:00 PM. There will be numerous raffles, refreshments and prizes. Admission: \$5 – anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. No children under 12 admitted.

St. Louis Academy Alumni Reunion

There will be an "all years" reunion of SLA alumni at the Staaten on **Saturday, March 11, 2017**. We are looking for ALL alumni. Please pass the word along. For more information, please contact Patti Lampo Sobkowski (patticake323@gmail.com), Colleen Finnegan Whelan (colleenfwhelan@msn.com) or if you prefer, call Janet Kelly at 646-209-3412 for more information. Please help spread the word!!

**Knights of Columbus Meet & Greet
for OLSS parishioner Edmund Newborn,
Candidate for 2017-2018 New York State Warden
Sunday, April 2, 2017, 1:15 Mass in OLSS, followed by
reception from 2:30 – 6:30 pm in OLSS O'Mara Hall**

We hope you will join us for an evening of fraternity, celebration and support of Ed. Come and enjoy the delicious food catered by Patrizia's of Staten Island. Cost is \$35 per person and includes hot buffet, beer, wine, soda, desert, coffee and tea. There will be raffle baskets and 50/50 too! For more information and reservations, please contact Billy Caputo, PGK at 718-967-9384.